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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

100,000. Well, call it 95,000 to be on the safe side. 95,000 what? 95,000 popular plurality for Grover Cleveland for President on November 6, 1888, against 62,000 in 1884. What does this show? That the great educational campaign was not a failure in its educational efforts, although the able manipulation of "floaters in blocks of five," the liberal expenditure of Republican money, and the traitorous behavior of Democratic local politicians have resulted in the election of a president whom the people did not want. It shows that Puck and the "Mugwump Press" have not worked in vain in diffusing rational ideas of government among the people. It shows that the popular intelligence is as strong for the right as it was four years ago, despite the fact that clever political maneuverers have manipulated doubtful states in such a manner as to insure an electoral majority for the man who had not the vote of the popular majority.

What are we going to do? We are going to behave like loyal American citizens. We are going to accept the situation which our institutions have forced upon us. But we are not going to relax for one instant our efforts to make the will of the people effectual, if not through a change in our electoral methods, then by a continuance of the missionary work of the past campaign until, in another four years, the candidate who represents the principles which Grover Cleveland represents to-day shall have a popular majority instead of merely a popular plurality. For, although Mr. Cleveland has received more votes than Mr. Harrison, he was not the choice of the majority of the voters.

Some people labor under a delusion that a majority vote can change truth into falsehood, and falsehood into truth. It may be well to remind such citizens, now and then, that if Galileo had gone before the people on his record as an astronomer two hundred and seventy-five years ago, he would have been snowed under so deep that it would not have been



TRUE, IF RATHER TARDY.

AH THAH (who gambled on HARRISON).—Who in
soupee, now?
KUM WAA (who bet on GLOVER).—Lats!

worth while to dig for his minority. And still—the earth moves. It has taken nearly three centuries to convince the civilized population of the globe that they live on a sphere which rotates through space in an ellipse. But it is safe to say that the fact is now generally accepted. As far as we know, it is doubted only by a small party of which the Reverend Mr. Jasper, (colored,) of Richmond, Va., is the leader. From this it appears that Galileo's minority has been changed to a majority, and that the popular majority of the seventeenth century has been so thoroughly overcome that the conditions may be said to be completely reversed. Mr. Jasper's minority now represents the majority which disagreed with Galileo. And in estimating the importance of this change in popular sentiment, we must remember that, while the verdict of the people in Galileo's case was—as has been shown—subject to reversal, the verdict of the people in Mr. Jasper's case is, as far as human intelligence can judge, a finality.

If this difference between the two cases puzzles those respectable citizens who can not understand that a majority is not necessarily in the right, it may help to clear their minds if they consider the distinction that makes the difference. The first verdict was reversible because the people assented to a falsehood. The second is a finality because the people assented to a truth. And this little distinction determines the value of the people's judgement in every case.

By the vote of the citizens of the states which called themselves "united," the existence of the institution of slavery was, practically, acknowledged and accepted from the early years of the present century until the year 1860, when a president was elected who stood under suspicion of believing in what was then called abolitionism. Up to that date, beyond a question, the citizens of the United States accepted the institution of slavery. Up to that date, the men who formed the Republican party accepted the system, and, indeed, resented any doubt of their acceptance of it. There are few men, North or South, who to-day approve that system. If the people were asked to decide, to-morrow, whether slavery should be restored or should not be restored, the majority against restoration would be so great as to make the vote practically unanimous.

There is no real vitality in falsehood—political, social or moral. It is quite possible—we have had ample evidence of this fact—to build up a majority by bribery, intimidation and misrepresentation. But, as the greatest man of this nation tersely remarked, "you can not fool all the people all the time." That Mr. Cleveland has been defeated does not prove that Mr. Cleveland's principles are wrong or mistaken. It proves simply that those principles have not yet been accepted by the people at large. They will be accepted, ultimately, because they can not be voted down. No majority, bought or unbought, can alter the facts which the American voter must face, sooner or later. However he may cast his vote, unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation; taxation for the benefit of the few is a wrong to all other citizens; a tariff that bars the country out of the markets of the world works an injury to every producer; and a tariff that raises the price of every essential commodity above a fair market-value works an injury to every consumer. These truths can not be made untruths by popular vote. It would be easy living if they could—the nation might be rich and happy by act of Congress. But as it is, they remain solid, important, inevitable truths, none the less truths, that a majority of the people has still to learn them.

The re-appearance of the deadly anarchist has been greeted in the East with something like levity. In the West he is still treated seriously—seriously enough, in fact, to send him to prison. It can not be denied, in truth, that the West has reason enough for considering him too bad a joke to be taken lightly; and no decent citizen, on this or on the other side of the Alleghenies, will regret that Chicago has now taken to locking the stable door before the horse is stolen and blown up with dynamite. At this end of the country, however, the anarchist has grown up in the wholesome fear of policemen's clubs, and he is as futile as he is noisy. None the less, however, is he a dangerous factor in our society—not because he himself can accomplish any serious evil, but because his example, as an unchecked rebel against our laws and our institutions, is a bad for the thoughtless and excitable masses.

It is our duty as citizens to remember that we can not afford to tolerate a class in our law-abiding community that openly reviles and scoffs at all law and order. If we let people denounce our laws and our Constitution, without rebuke or restraint, how can we expect that our laws and our Constitution will be respected? If the virtue of our great system of national government is to be openly denied, can we doubt that good citizens will, sooner or later, ask themselves if it is as great a thing as they once thought it was? Is it not possible, even, that they may learn to overlook the subversion of the popular will by means of bribery and indirect corruption, the introduction of dishonesty and false witness-bearing into political controversy, and the prostitution of public office to private ends? It is shocking to think that imported anarchy might teach such lessons to American patriotism, and yet—it might come to pass.



WANTED - A MUFF

Some, I'm told, have written sonnets
To find the where-with-all
To purchase pretty bonnets
For Summers wear or Fall -
As others have succeeded
Think you not that I might try
To raise thus what is needed
A Winters muff to buy.

I ask not a seal or sable;
One of a lesser price;
E'en a monkey muff is able
My wishes to suffice.
You see I am not rating
My hopes or wishes high
But merely plainly stating
What kind I hope to buy.

Kind editors remember
That Winter comes apace;
Dare I hope in cold December
A muff my hands will grace?
Will you do as I have hinted
Let me meet with no rebuff?

Then all who see this printed
Will know I've got my muff.

Annette Marsh



SOLACED.



IT WAS growing dark. The bleak December wind tore along the thoroughfares, unmuzzled, biting right and left. A laborer walked briskly up the street, his short, thick coat buttoned close about his neck, his cap pulled down over his ears, and his hands thrust into his trousers pockets. The wind whirled furiously about him, nipping at his nose and ears and wrists; but he only shoved his hands down deeper into his pockets, and trotted along, whistling jerky little tunes in time with his trot.

Just ahead of him he observed an actor whose immense coat collar, trimmed with fur, was turned up about his head; and the laborer said to himself: "It's not the likes o' Mike Cluny that can be walkin' the sh'treets shmothered in foor." And the cold steel of envy was about to enter into Mike's breast; but as he drew nearer he saw that the actor trembled and shivered and muttered and tried to draw himself closer together. And then, like a sweet-scented

breath from the mouth of June, there floated into Mike Cluny's heart a deep consciousness of the fact that no amount of fur on a coat collar can atone for the absence of an undershirt.

M. W.

LAKESIDE LOVE.

"Mr. Rush," said Miss Chatty Lafite, thoughtfully; "I am honored by your proposition, and yet I can hardly say yes. I do not feel that I know you well enough to know my own heart, and I must hesitate before I give you my hand. But if it is any object to you, I can let you have an option till March — not transferable, of course."

WEBSTER MISTAKEN.

LITTLE WILLIE (aged ten).—Mama, what is an Élite Social Club?
MAMA.—It is a club composed of the choicest people: those who move in the best society.

WILLIE.—Is that what Webster's Dictionary says?

MAMA.—It says that, or the same thing in other words. Why do you ask?

WILLIE.—I see an advertisement in the paper of the Élite Social Club's dance, and our colored hostler, who sleeps in the stable, and the black cook are the committee on invitation.

AT THE "FRIED CAT" TABLE D'HÔTE.

MR. FLYINGTON OUTWIT.—Yes, I'll take the regular dinner, Antoine, and a bottle of *Supérieure*. By the way, what is Madame crying about? Monsieur been ill-treating her?

ANTOINE.—Ah, non, Monsieur. Madame she weep for her pet poodle — ze leetle Zi-zi. He die to-day — Madame she feel vair bad.

MR. FLYINGTON OUTWIT.—Ah, yes, Antoine, I'm sorry to hear it. Bring the dinner along, and — ah — Antoine, you may omit the *salmi*.

NOT THE RIGHT WORD.

MR. FOSSLE MOSS (to MR. HAMPTON RHOADES, editor of the *Newport News*).—Oh, my dear Mr. Rhoades, I don't think I've seen you since that nephew of mine went on your staff. How's he getting on?

MR. HAMPTON RHOADES (grimly).—He ain't getting on, exactly. He's getting off.

PRINCIPLE ABOVE INTEREST.

MRS. MALAISE.—Doctor, I beg you will not deceive me about my case. Believe me, I am prepared to hear the worst.

DR. BISMUTH.—Well, then, Madame, frankly — there is nothing the matter with you whatever. You should try some other scheme besides ill-health to make yourself interesting.



FABLES.

I.—THE POLITE GOAT.



CERTAIN RESIDENT of New Jersey once owned a most Polite and Fastidious Goat, whose preference was Soft Custard. One day the Cook set a Plateful of this popular Dainty in the Back Yard, and the Goat approached it with a smile that rose on its Labials, flowed in a northerly Direction around its Eyes, and emptied into the roots of its Horns.

"Soft Custard is a rare Delicacy; yet it is only proper that, so long as it is in good standing as a Pudding, it should be the epilogue of a Meal."

After this Declaration, the Goat commenced eating the Haviland Plate, and when the last bit of it had disappeared, the poor refined Quadruped found that all the Soft Custard had been absorbed by the Earth.

The Moral of this Truly Beautiful Fable teaches us that Conventionality is often a Farce; that Etiquette is only beautiful when it enables us to come out on Top, and that we should not denounce the Small Boy for wanting his Pie before Soup.

II.—THE BANKER AND HIS GARDEN.

Once upon a time, during the reign of the Sultan Haroun-Al-Raschid, a Suburban Banker became enthusiastic on the subject of having a Beautiful Garden. So he arose every morning during the jocund Month of May, and dug and raked for a Couple of Hours before Breakfast. The Doctor told him it would be a good thing, and it was—for the Doctor; for, shortly after the Completion of the Garden, the Banker was housed with Malaria, and skeptical Persons wondered if he had found it Necessary to try the Bracing Air of Canada for his Health.

About the middle of August the Garden was Ripe and Rosy, and great was the Joy of the Banker thereat. But every thing ripened at once, and the Banker only ate his own Fresh Vegetables for Two Days, when they all began to Rot, and he was obliged to once more become a Patron of the Vender with the sound Lungs and the debilitated Products of the Earth.

We are taught by the Foregoing, first, that we should never undertake a thing that we do not Understand; and, secondly, that the only Garden warranted to keep is on the shelf of the Grocery—Canned.

IN THE FEMALE SEMINARY, it is Cupid who teaches the young idea how to shoot.

THERE HAS BEEN another French political duel; but, as usual, neither of the principals had his jaw-bone injured. It is astounding what a strain some of the organs can bear.

FIRST SNOW.

"Oh, what in the world does this mean?"
Asked the little Georgia maiden,
When first she observed the scene
Of the earth with snowdrifts laden.

Then her uncle looked at the Miss,
And out through the pane frost-crusted;
And he murmured: "It means just this—
That the summer has exodusted."

ALAS! MISERY brings strange bed-fellows. The superannuated "Society List" which embalms the memory of the immortal Four Hundred may be found on the second-hand book counter, amid the mouldy and ragged tramps of literature!

REFINED CRUELTY.

BOSTON MAIDEN.—Have you any semi-diaphanous silk?

NEW YORK CLERK (*desperately*).—I—er—ah!—perhaps you had better just look through this pile of goods for yourself, Miss!

THE REAL DIFFICULTY.

CLARKE.—I see, my dear, that several of the newspapers are printing directions for getting up a dollar dinner for four.

MRS. CLARKE.—Yes, John; but the difficulty is to get such a dinner down.



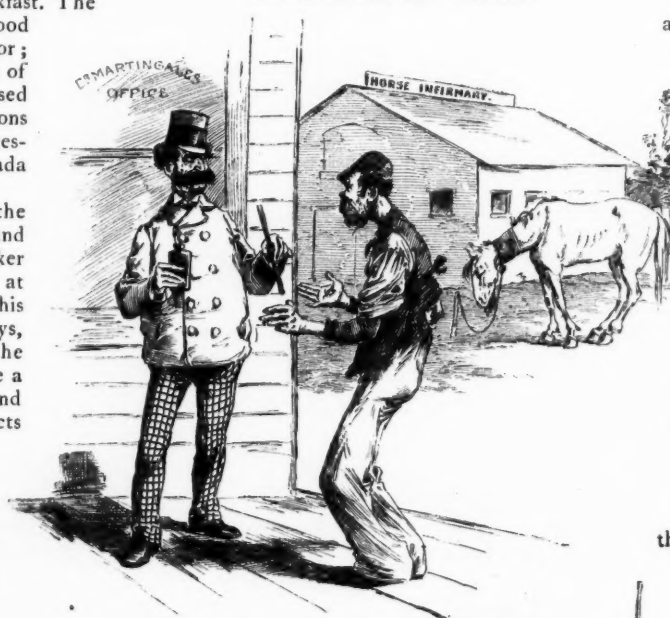
NOT NECESSARY FOR A BOOM.

"I observe," remarked a prospective investor in New Jersey real estate, "that your town has no sidewalks, no paved roads, no gas, no water, no police-force, no fire department, and no system of drainage."

"No," replied the real-estate agent, enthusiastically; "we ain't got no time nor no money for them things. This here town is on a boom. It's the future metropolis of the state, and we're jest buildin' houses for all we're worth. Sidewalks! Why, when we've got those houses built up there in the woods on the top of the hill, it'll be time to talk about sidewalks. You don't seem to know what a boom is."

A MAN RECENTLY died, leaving several boxes of silver money buried in the front yard. And his name was Sheckells.

UNSUCCESSFUL RELIEF.



VETERINARY SURGEON (*to his NEW ASSISTANT*).—You want to take this tube, Michael, fill it with the powder, insert it in the horse's mouth, and give a quick, sharp blow!



COMMODORE VANDERBILT laid the foundations of his wealth on the water—his descendants are "pulling" for the shore.

IF FRENCH WERE a more difficult language, it would probably be better spoken by Americans and Englishmen.

IN THE MOUNTAIN CHAIN—THE LYNX.

THE ANEMONE blows in April, but we should think this ought to be the time of the year for that lovely citizen of the wood, whose alias is the windflower, to get in its work.

THE POET with joy is a-quiver,
And he sighs in his soul "Alack!"
When he comes out in last year's liver-Colored overcoat dyed jet-black.

WHEN THE DOCTOR says he's going to clean out the system, the result sometimes justifies the victim in thinking he meant a Cash System.

(Ten minutes later).—What's the trouble, Michael?
MICHAEL.—Troth, sor, th' harse blowed foorst!

THE "A B C" OF POKER.



IS THE "ante" and B is the "bluff,"
C is the cash, which is vulgarly "stuff,"
D is the "draw," a momentous event,
E is for "elevate" — takes your last cent.
F is the fun that you have when you win,
G is the "Gillie" who loses his "tin,"
H is the hand that is dealt to you "pat,"
I stands for "in," an important thing that.
J is the "jack-pot" whose praises we sing,
K is the "kitty," voracious young thing!
L is the loser, he's always around,
M is his money, which does not abound.

N is the noodle that "plays up" two pair,
O is the "opener" laying his snare,
P is for POKER, our national game,
Q stands for "quit" — but you don't, all the same.

R is for "raise," and it often sounds hard,
S is the "squeezer" that's marked on the card,
T is the time that you waste — when you deal —
U is your "uncle," to whom you appeal.
V was the "come in," you know, to your cost,
W the "widow," who wins what you lost,
X is the ten that you bet upon "trips,"
Y is the youngster who collared the chips.
Z is the zeal with which one will expend
Time, money and gas-light, to "do up" a friend.

W. H. G.

THE TALE OF THE MODEST HUNTER.

HE HAD BEEN telling her of some of his hunting experiences.

"And did you ever really encounter a bear?" she asked.

"Yes," he said, modestly; "but the story is scarcely worth relating. I remember it was a bright frosty night, and I had become separated from my companions. I was walking along briskly, not in the mood for excitement at all, but rather thoughtful and unobservant. I had been walking in the light for some time, but turned for a moment into the shadow, when suddenly my hand brushed against something soft. I started, stopped, and there, so close that I had actually touched him in passing, was a huge bear. He sat motionless, erect on his haunches, his white teeth gleaming, and his fiery eyes gazing straight into my face. I tell you it was close quarters. I do not know just what I did; but I got away without a scratch, and I left a dead bear there."

"O George!" exclaimed the girl, looking into his face with glistening eyes. She said no more; but she thought how noble, how brave, how strong! as she nestled closer to him.

George kissed her tenderly.

Forty-five minutes later George was walking down Broadway; and, as he approached a furrier's shop, he turned into the shadow and stood before the sign of the big bear, to light his cigar. "Old friend," he said, between puffs, "I leave thee dead again;" and he passed on.

M. W.

ITS ALTITUDE.

"How's beef to-day, Sparrib?" inquired Mr. Upson Downes, airily. "High, eh?"

"If you want it on credit, Mr. Downes," replied the butcher, sternly, "it's on a hook about eleven feet up the wall. But it'll come down for cash, if I whistle."

THIS is the time that the fattest boy has to walk out on the new-made ice to satisfy his companions whether it will "bear" or not.

THE DECEASED TOPER is a bottle-green memory.



SOUTHERN CONCISENESS.

MR. CLAY C. TURPENTINE (of the Georgia Uplands, proposing).—Polly want a Cracker?



UNSOPHISTICATED.

MR. HENNESSEY MARTEL (as his wife turns her back).—Did n't you see me wink when you drew that soda?
VAN ILLER BEANE (the new clerk).—V-V-Yes, sir; but we can't sell nothin' for the eyes without a perscription.

THE MARCH OF HUMANITY.

It is a great and good thing that we have got rid of the barbarous old system of hanging criminals. Under the wise and beneficent rule of Governor Hill, hanging has been abolished in New York State. Hereafter, when we are obliged to execute a murderer, he must be killed by electricity. The sheriff used to tie the criminal's hands, take him to the gallows, and hang him. This terrible programme of brutality is done away with. We now conduct the happy victim to an operating-room, where he is strapped on a table. A band is fixed over his forehead, and another under his chin. Electrical connections are then made at various points of his person, and a current is started.

A few necessary experiments are made to show that the current is working satisfactorily. When the patient is pronounced to be properly harnessed, and the machine is proved to be in order, the fatal shock is sent. If it does n't happen to be fatal, which may be gathered from the roars of agony which the subject will emit, the dynamo is geared up higher, and this process is repeated until the strength of the current is too great for the criminal's constitution. Humanity is making great strides.

THE CANARY stops singing in his old age, which shows that he knows more than the poet in his dotage.

ELECTION BETTORS have n't buried the hat yet.

MARK SMANN — The gunny bag is not part of a sportsman's outfit.

"FOR GOODNESS'S SAKE, Algernon, what are you drawing? An octopus?"

"Nothing of the sort. I am simply making a diagram of the termini of the various Brooklyn railroads in the immediate vicinity of the Bridge."

THE FINANCE OF ART.

"Vot you vant," inquired Eilenstein, the art dealer, poking his head in at Bichimen's studio door, "for dot bainting uf yours up at der Neshinal Akedemy? You get der brice markgt seven hoondert fifty dollers."

"I won't take a cent less than ten, Eilenstein," responded the painter, firmly.

"I gif you fife," said Mr. Eilenstein.

"Done!" replied Mr. Bichimen, promptly.

"Old Eilenstein's getting liberal in his old age," he murmured to himself, as he hunted around for a bit of paper to write a receipt on.

A SECOND STORY BACK—The Camel's.

BEETHOVEN'S CONCERTO, No. 4, G Major, always goes in Kentucky.

OUR VILLAGE "OPERA-HOUSE."

Its One Piece of Scenery, and the Great Variety of Places It Has to Represent.



Monday Evening.—"Nuggets, the Little Solitaire of the Sierras"—A California Mining Camp.

THE WORLD'S WAY.

"This is pretty hard Luck!" cried the Prisoner, as he leaned against the iron grating of his cell. "Here, for a trifling Theft, I have lost the Good-Will of my Friends, and all the World looks on me with Contempt."

"Ah!" returned the Experienced Reporter; "if you wanted Help and Sympathy, you should have committed some Great Crime."

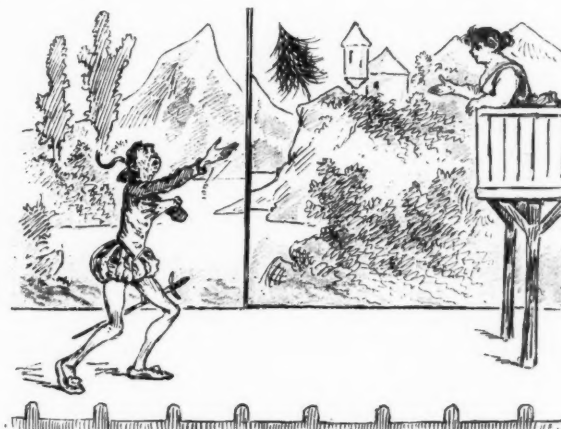
THE SOLDIER CRAB—Mahone.

IT WAS well enough, Mr. Richelieu, to say in your unprogressive time: "The pen is mightier than the sword;" but now we remark that the type-writer is more puissant than the Gatling gun.

THE FRENCH CLOCK is with us for all kinds of time.



Tuesday Evening.—"Shamrocks and Shillelahs; or, The Green Above the Red"—The Lake of Killarney.



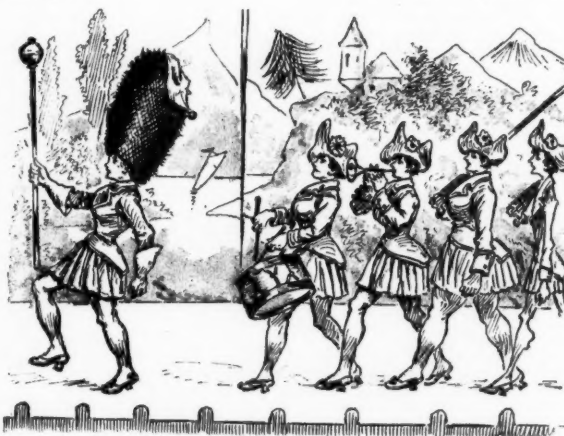
Wednesday Evening.—"Romeo and Juliet"—The Garden of the Capulets.

A WOOD-PILE—A Frame House.

AFTER THE New Yorker gets all the Rapid Transit he wants, he will have a chance to sit down at home and wonder what on earth to do with all the time he has saved.

THE GREATEST THING to beat a carpet is a rug.

JACK BORROWE, who never gets any thing but advice from his friends, says there is nothing like poverty to give one a deep theoretical knowledge of human kindness.



Thursday Evening.—"The Merry Drum-Major; or, The Maids of Mabilleville"—A Scene in Normandy.

SHYLOCK SEEMS to have been about the most notable example of the "penny-wise and pound-foolish" man.

IS DIVORCE a failure?

THE EASTERN QUESTION—A Yankee's interrogative response to almost any question you ask him.

NO MAN can hold office in this country until he has attained his majority.

THE ENGLISH police system is a daisy. It takes two London detectives to catch the measles.



Friday Evening.—"Uncle Tom's Cabin"—A Southern Cotton Plantation.



Saturday Evening.—"Tyranny; or, Exiled for Life"—The Coldest Part of Siberia.

THE REAL OLD MAN.



SOMETIMES, WHEN I feel the iron hand of melancholy shutting itself around the dim recesses of my immortal soul, I read PUCK. The last time I did so, I read an article entitled "The Old Man," telling all about the kindly person who amassed a fortune by mercantile pursuits, while he was spoken of by his clerks as The Old Man.

The person who wrote that idyllic fiction never went to sea. He does n't know what a real "Old Man" is. The Old Man is the captain.

He wears a monkey jacket and a peaked cap, a pair of long sea-boots, and a villainously ragged set of whiskers; and he is the proud possessor of the privilege of expectorating to windward, which no one else may do.

He is the gentleman who is the proprietor of the person, body and soul, of the jack tar who ships with him. He is the gentleman who has a right to imprison a seaman in a foreign port in case of urgent necessity. A case of urgent necessity would be an expression of unwillingness on the seaman's part to go down and scrape the seaweed off the dolphin-striker during the performance of a cyclone.

The Old Man is the fiend who sends the mate forward to hammer on the fore-castle deck at seven bells in the mid-watch, and yell:

"Rouse out, there, you infernal lot of lazy blackguards! Rouse out! Have n't you heard the news? All hands on deck to reef topsails! Step lively, or some one 'll get hurt!"

Then, when the gale is blowing great guns, and the seas are breaking clear over the fore-yard-arm, the Old Man is the crafty person who stows himself in a dry place on the poop-deck, and shouts:

"Haul aft the anchors! Cat and fish the cook! Let go the weather main dead-eyes, and clew down the lazaret! Man the lee hatchways fore and aft! Spanker brails and topsail clewlines, weather and lee mast-partner halyards, let go and haul! Cock-bill the bentick shrouds and brace-to the bowsprit bitts! Bowse down the boatswain's suspenders, and capsize the can-hooks! Club-haul the lubber's hole, and sheet home the binnacle! Lay aloft, there, you slab-sided sons-of-sea-cooks, and send down the starboard-fore-topmast-stuns'l-boom-tricing-line-upper-block-strap-thimble-seizing!"

And if you don't sail in and do it all at once, in about two minutes and a half, then this dear Old Man swears a blue streak, jumps down off the deck-house, grabs an iron belaying pin, and knocks out about half the crew in one round, Marquis of Anybody rules.

And if any blamed fool of a sailor makes a kick, the Old Man just claps him in irons and stows him away in the lower hold till he gets into port, when he has the poor beggar tried for mutiny and sent up.

Oh, yes; he's a nice person, is the Old Man! And he knows so



NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED.

IPSTEIN.—Shoe-strings, collar-puttens, susbenders—

MISS ANN TEAK.—Go 'long, there! We hain't got no men folks in the house!

IPSTEIN.—Ah, Madam, it vas a goot ting to lay in sub-bies in adfance. An addractive lady like you can't tell vat may habben some tay!

much, too. He is a navigator, he is; and he can find his way across the briny deep. He gets out his old pig-yoke, and shoots the sun at twelve o'clock. He slaps down $89^{\circ} 48'$, and subtracts his altitude from it, and then he can come within five miles of giving you the exact latitude of the ship.

And after he's been so long on a voyage that he does n't know whether he's in longitude 68° or 74° , he'll just sail north or south till he gets on the parallel of latitude of the place he's bound for, and then he'll turn around and sail west (if he's bound this way) till he hits the place.

Oh, he's a regular scientist, the Old Man is! And, with the assistance of a belaying pin to thump obedience out of the crew, and of old $89^{\circ} 48'$ to help him scare up his latitude, and of a lead-line to tell him when he's running ashore, he manages to crawl around from one port to another, till some day he gets forty or fifty miles out of his reckoning, and fetches up on Gay Head or Barnegat Beach; and then he says it was an unknown current that did it.

That's the sort of a briny, salt-coated fraud the genuine Old Man is.

Tricotrin.



PROFESSIONAL PRIDE.

SNAKE-ARMED BILLY (the lightning bootblack, with intense disgust, to sordid STRANGER).—Look-a here, Cully, what d'yer take me for? Dis ain't no cobbler's shop?

ALACK, WHY WILL THOSE whose constant cry is for protection, venture with untried hands into the pugilistic arena? 'Twas with Mitchell, not with Jem Smith, that the battle was fought, to which the N. Y. Tribune devotes twenty-four lines of ironical allusion to Professor John L. Sullivan. Stick to your last, O protectionist cobbler, lest you make yourself more ridiculous than the object of your gibes!

HAPPY FATHERS should not be in a hurry to name their children after lucky politicians. For a name that will wear well, through good and evil fortune, there is nothing to beat Dennis.



RETRIBUTION.

This is the way the man who invented beveled glass mirrors is now obliged to look as he walks around in Hades.



THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE

Puck.—Boys, this school will remain in session for some time to come.

PUCK.



N OF THE HAYSEED.

ome time to come. Your last examination was a dead failure.

IN BUSINESS.—II.

THE OFFICE-BOY.



CAN NOT LOOK at the commonest sort of Office-boy without longing to get inside of him, just to look at the world through his eyes, to feel with his feelings, (Office-boys have feelings, strange as it may seem), and to find out if he is the same sort of Office-boy that I was. But I understand, of course, that I can never do it, even in imagination. The Office-boy must be looked at objectively, as far as I am concerned. I have been out of the guild many, many years, and I can no longer take an Office-boy's view of life. He is as mysterious to me, as far apart from my own little scheme of humanity, as a new-born baby. And yet, I suppose, he is the same old Office-boy that I used to be.

That was a pretty poor sort of Office-boy, as far as my employer was concerned. The only interest I took in the solvency of the highly respectable house with which I was connected was my natural interest in the prompt payment of my salary. I made out price-lists innumerable, and checked accounts current without end, yet I don't think I ever knew the price of one single commodity that we dealt in. I could get quotations of cotton or coffee, carry them in my memory long enough to get back to the Old Man's desk, and then forget them with blithe rapidity. And as to putting any intelligence or enthusiasm into my work, I should have felt that to entertain the bare idea was to be disloyal to the spirit of the fellowship of Office-boys.

I don't want you to think that I was a stupid Office-boy. Oh, no, I was as smart as a steel trap. But I kept my smartness for my own personal and private use. In fact, I used it in my business; for I was in the Office-boy business.

You don't know what that is? Well, I can tell you. It is the business of dealing in time with your employer—time being an Office-boy's only capital. The house had engaged me for six days of the week—days that varied in length from nine to sixteen hours—days that began at eight, and ended, when they were days of bright, bright gold, at five or half-past five. But those were rare days. Six was the end, oftenest, sometimes it was seven, sometimes eight, now and then twelve. Twelve, as I remember it, is a mean hour for a lonely little Office-boy to travel from one end of the city to the other, and it doesn't console him much, in the dark of the winter nights, to reflect on the beautiful truth that by grace of the etiquette of the office, he is called a Junior Clerk, and is only an Office-boy in fact.

I held then (and I hold now,) the opinion that a boy is entitled, by reason of his boyhood, to a fair allowance of fresh air and sunshine and base-ball and all the other things he rejoices in—or to commute the lot, he has a right to some time of his own. So my whole Office-boyhood was a game in which I played my ingenuity against the time which my employer had purchased with my weekly wage.

For instance? Well, for instance, there was the simple expedient of getting to the office late in the morning. I think I was on time three days in my whole time of Office-boying—the first three days. But, as a rule, I preceded the earliest clerk by about three minutes. You must understand that the porter and I were good friends. He never betrayed me—honest, kindly Larry, I am grateful to you still!

That, however, was the A B C of an Office-boy's fight for time. We—I, that is—learned how to save time for ourselves in many other ways. Bills-of-lading were a great boon to us. I think there must be a great many business-men downtown who firmly believe that it takes a full hour to get a bill-of-lading *visé* at the offices of the Morgan Line and the Atlas Line and the P. M. S. S. Co. I know better—and yet I did a great deal to create that impression.

"Price-currents," too—we (I) loved the price-current. It never was ready when we went for it. Sometimes we (I, again,) had to wait

half-an-hour. And we generally waited on the docks, talking with the sailors or the stevedores. And when we could get a bill-of-lading or a price-current, or a foreign mail to coincide with the luncheon hour—what a gloriously long hour that was! I have saved up for a week, have gone without "apple dump, hard on the side," day after day, for one good hour-and-a-half spent at Old Tom's—the House with the Crooked Stoop, in Thames Street, eating such chops as never have been cooked since for the delectation of mortal man.

And yet, all the time, I and my fellow Office-boys were doing an arduous duty after a manly fashion. How many hundreds of thousands



of dollars have I carried to the bank, my heart beating only with the fear that some burly ruffian might strike me down and rifle my pockets—for I was an Office-boy long before Inspector Byrnes made Wall Street safe as a church.

O you poor little rats, my heart goes out to you! I am no longer one of you; I am out of the guild forever; and yet I never can forget the days when I was in it. In a sort of far-off, grown up way, I can feel for you still, as you sit on your high stools, badgered and bullied by older clerks, as you trot about the town with your pockets full of money and papers worth tons of gold, innocent, ignorant, uninterested little custodians of mighty affairs, doing blindly a duty which means nothing to you, and sinning only in your poor little attempts to get for yourselves a share of that Free Time to which it seems to me you are entitled by a higher law than the law of wages can abrogate.

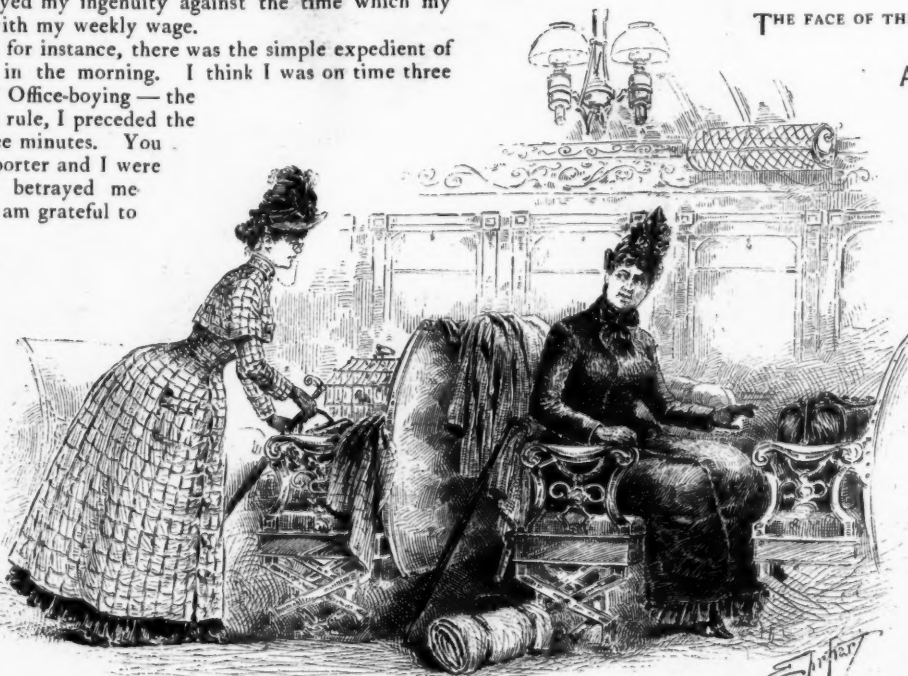
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DECEMBER.

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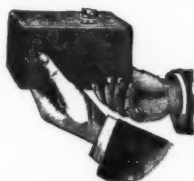
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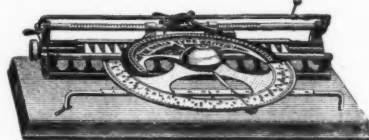
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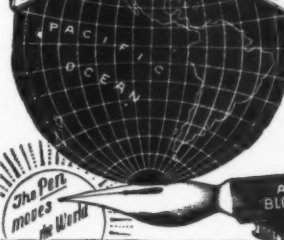
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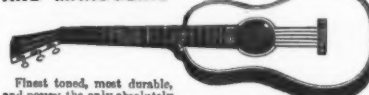
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